

**Wednesday, October 29, 2003**

## **Tiny Tots Share Stories on Thursdays at Leesburg Public Library**

The Leesburg Public Library has two story times for tiny tots and their moms or caregivers, on Thursday mornings at the library. The first session, at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday, is aimed at toddlers and features simple stories, finger games and other rhyming activities, and music. This story time is open to children up to the age of two, and helps children develop early language and motor skills through book-centered activities.

At 11:15 a.m., children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to share stories, games and an easy craft, each week. Story time, for this age group, is a wonderful way to foster social skills and learn a real love of books and reading, critical to school success. Parents can make this a special library excursion when they take home books to carry over the fun of reading aloud through the rest of the week.

The Leesburg Public Library also participates in the "Born to Read" grant program which gives a free book to every child under the age of three who signs up for a library card.

To pre-register for story times, or to learn about any of the Leesburg Public Library's other exciting programs for children, drop by the Youth Services desk, or call (352) 728-9793, for registration and information. Pre-registration is suggested for children's library programs, but walk-ins are welcome, as space permits.

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